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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 H04L12/24 H04L12/56

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, INSPEC, COMPENDEX, IBM-TDB

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	EP 1 035 703 A (LUCENT TECHNOLOGIES INC) 13 September 2000 (2000-09-13) abstract paragraphs '0028!', '0037!', '0038! claims 1-3,5,6; figures 1,2,5,6 --- -/--	1-29



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X	<p>FORTZ B ET AL: "Internet traffic engineering by optimizing OSPF weights" INFOCOM 2000. NINETEENTH ANNUAL JOINT CONFERENCE OF THE IEEE COMPUTER AND COMMUNICATIONS SOCIETIES. PROCEEDINGS. IEEE TEL AVIV, ISRAEL 26-30 MARCH 2000, PISCATAWAY, NJ, USA, IEEE, US, 26 March 2000 (2000-03-26), pages 519-528, XP010376140 ISBN: 0-7803-5880-5 abstract page 521, left-hand column, paragraph II. -page 522, right-hand column, paragraph IV.</p> <p>---</p>	1-29
A	<p>GIRISH M K ET AL: "Formulation of the traffic engineering problems in MPLS based IP networks" FIFTH IEEE SYMPOSIUM ON COMPUTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS, ISCC 2000, 3 July 2000 (2000-07-03), pages 214-219, XP010505349 page 216, left-hand column, paragraph 3. -page 218, right-hand column, paragraph 4.</p> <p>---</p>	1-29
A	<p>PAPADOPOULOS C V ET AL: "PROTECTION AND ROUTING ALGORITHMS FOR NETWORK MANAGEMENT THE CASE OF TRANSMISSION NETWORKS" MICROPROCESSING AND MICROPROGRAMMING, ELSEVIER SCIENCE PUBLISHERS, BV., AMSTERDAM, NL, vol. 38, no. 1 / 5, 1 September 1993 (1993-09-01), pages 163-170, XP000383771 ISSN: 0165-6074 page 164, left-hand column, paragraph 1.1. -page 166, left-hand column, paragraph 2. page 168, left-hand column, paragraph 3. -page 170, left-hand column, paragraph 5.</p> <p>---</p>	1-29
A	<p>EP 1 043 871 A (NORTEL NETWORKS LTD) 11 October 2000 (2000-10-11) abstract paragraphs '0024!', '0025!', '0030!', '0045!' figures 1,2,4</p> <p>-----</p>	1,17, 26-29

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 1-26, 28
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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Claims Nos.: 1-26,28

Rule 39.1(i) PCT - Mathematical method

The subject-matters of claims 1-26 and 28 are solely directed towards mathematical methods related to the generation and solution of a traffic flow model for calculating traffic values. Therefore, no complete search for these claims has been conducted. However, claims 1-29 have been searched partially based on the disclosure of the description part.

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